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## 1. Latest information on coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Department for Education has published guidance about COVID-19 in educational settings for staff, parents and carers, pupils and students (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>) on GOV.UK.

There is also guidance on the apprenticeship service about COVID-19 (<https://help.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/hc/en-gb/sections/360003793119-Coronavirus>).

Please check GOV.UK (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>) regularly for updates.

## 2. Information: provider relief scheme

We expected to notify applicants to the provider relief scheme of the outcome of their applications by yesterday, 12 May 2020. This unfortunately has not been possible in all cases. All applicants should now receive their outcome by the end of the week.

We are sorry for the delay and inconvenience, but assure you that it will not affect the date that payments will be made.

## 3. Information: ESFA adult education budget (AEB) funding rules for 2019 to 2020

We have published an addendum to the ESFA AEB funding rules 2019 to 2020 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-education-budget-aeb-funding-rules-2019-to-2020>). The document sets out specific flexibilities to the traineeship core offer to support providers in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). The rules apply to all providers of education and training who receive AEB funding from the ESFA.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued hard work in these difficult times. For further information, please read this guidance to help FE colleges and providers during the COVID-19 pandemic (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision/maintaining-education-and-skills-training-provision-further-education-providers>).

If you have any queries, please contact us using our enquiry form ([https://form.education.gov.uk/en/AchieveForms/?form\\_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-f9f4f5a1-936f-448b-bbeb-9dcdd595f468/AF-Stage-8aa41278-3cdd-45a3-ad87-80cbffb8b992/definition.json&redirectlink=%2Fen&cancelRedirectLink=%2Fen](https://form.education.gov.uk/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-f9f4f5a1-936f-448b-bbeb-9dcdd595f468/AF-Stage-8aa41278-3cdd-45a3-ad87-80cbffb8b992/definition.json&redirectlink=%2Fen&cancelRedirectLink=%2Fen)).